

Editorial

It was the best of times, it was a “dickens” of a time. Three years have passed and six issues of the journal have been published; over 45 articles, 20 book reviews and book notes, and 40 other manuscripts have appeared in print (with others having met less happy fates); and at least 2500 letters and memos, both original and pro forma, were signed and sent. The journal’s editor, however, denies responsibility for any of this: He was but the locus for a confluence of variables that produced these activities and whatever qualities may inhere in them. These variables, unfortunately, are too often unappreciated due, in part, to common locutions of editorship. To redress these wrongs, and to place the analysis of editorial activity in proper perspective, some important acknowledgments are in order, and are extended to the following:

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To Sharon Myers and Shery Chamberlain, the journal’s business manager and managing editor, respectively. Sharon managed the finances and, with them, the editor’s blue pen—which was tamed from roaming too freely over journal page proofs. Shery, in turn, managed the editor with foresight abundant and, through the Socratic method, led him to new insights and to understand errors in his ways. As befits *The Behavior Analyst*, Sharon and Shery drove home the point: “Take nothing on its looks; take everything on evidence; there is no better rule.”

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To the members of the editorial board and guest reviewers, who were asked to review manuscripts assiduously, recommend astutely, and comment adroitly—all within unreasonable impositions on their time. The reviewers tutored and taught both the authors and editor, turning the latter’s “smattering of everything and knowledge of nothing” into sometimes justifiable recommendations, commentary, and prose.

To the authors, who submitted manuscripts so professional and excellent that the journal has continued to flourish. Moreover, their honest effort, good will, and inestimable patience graced the editor with opportunities to be candid and straightforward to a degree thought not possible. A good editor is never unintentionally rude and, in this, the authors made the editor good through their graces. As for the unintentional slights, the editor apologizes.

Finally, to the journal's readers—the journal's very reason for being. Through their continuous support of the publication and its editorial practices, they have allowed the journal to continue both as an important resource for the dissemination of behavior analysis and as a critical forum for inducing improved basic, applied, and conceptual analyses of be-

havior. And, more personally, without the journal's readers, I could not have had my greatest professional honor: serving them—you—as editor of *The Behavior Analyst*.

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